Arctic Hare

Turn a sock into an adorable animal adapted for life in the snowy tundra.

Kit contains:

- 1 white sock
- 1 strip of fabric
- 3 mini rubber bands

You will need: uncooked rice or dried beans, scissors, markers, and a drinking glass.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Put your sock inside a drinking glass. Fold the top over the rim.

Step 2. Fill the sock about halfway with uncooked rice or dried beans. (Note that dark-colored beans will show through the fabric.)

Step 3. Take your sock out of the glass and rubber band the filled part closed.

Step 4. Twist a second rubber band about 1/3 from the top to make your arctic hare's head.

Step 5. Twist the third rubber band around a little chunk of the base to make a tail.

Step 6. Trim the loose top of the sock until only a few inches remain.

Cut vertically down the middle to make ears.

Step 7. Use a marker to draw a face and ear markings on your arctic hare. Aim for realism or be creative! Tip: You can make an easy nose and mouth by drawing a line under a capital **Y → Y** .

Step 8. Tie on your hare's scarf. Cut the ends into fringe if desired.

Twins!

Facts About Arctic Hares

Arctic hares (*Lepus arcticus*) live primarily in the northern regions of Greenland and Canada and are well-adapted to their environment. To keep warm, they have shorter ears and legs, and almost a quarter of their body is composed of fat. Black eyelashes shield their eyes from the sun's glare.

In the snowy winters, arctic hares' thick fur turns white as camouflage. In areas where the snow melts in summer, their fur molts to a grey-brown color to blend into their environment. In places where it stays snowy year-round, the hares' coats stay white (with black stripey ears) year-round, too.

Summertime hare!

Unlike rabbits, which are born furless, baby arctic hares are born with full coats of fur and eyes that can open.

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